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Insult To Injury

THE New York Herald-Tribune is reported to have editorially expressed great satisfaction over the prospects of the bill permitting Indians, not exceeding 75 in number in a year, to immigrate to the United States. The passage of the bill into law, the paper says, "would recognise Indians as full partners in the great efforts upon which all free nations have embarked," and the measure would help to facilitate business and trade relations and interchange of mutual understanding between India and the United States in post-war years."

The New York Herald-Tribune must be rating the intelligence of Indians very low indeed to assume that they will fancy themselves to be full partners in any co-operative effort of free nations if only 75 of their nationals, that is to say, a microscopic fraction of a fraction of their population, are annually eligible for American citizenship. As long as the teeming millions of India are not having freedom in their own country, but are groaning under the Britishers' jack-boot, this American concession does not mean anything morally or materially. No sensible Indian can feel, on the strength of this concession, that India's status thereby becomes equal to that of a free country. India will attain equality of status with free countries only when she is herself free.

This bill before the American Senate is not going to solve our political problem. On the other hand, it may aggravate our economic problem. For the Americans make no secret of the fact that they will use this trivial concession as a means to the economic penetration of India. India is already staggering under the yoke of British Imperialism. It is, therefore, not difficult to imagine how India would fare if to this already intolerable yoke is added that of the American Dollar Imperialism.

The United States has in the course of this war wronged India beyond words. At a crucial time when our nationalist forces were giving battle to the British Power in India, with reasonable prospects of success, the Yankees came to its rescue with all kinds of arms and forces. These forces are still in occupation of our unhappy land, battening on its slender resources. If the Americans think they can atone for all this injury to India by admitting a millionth part of India's population to American citizenship, they are deceiving themselves. America's gesture is nothing but a deliberate insult added to a most grievous injury.

BITTER WAR RAGING FOR MANDALAY

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Enemy Forces Encounter Stiff Resistance Of Nippon Forces

A Nippon Base at the Burma Front, Mar. 15 (Domei)—Launching a general offensive against enemy infantry and tank units which invaded the Meiktila sector, Nippon forces on the Northern Burma front on Mar. 9 recaptured three airfields around the city, according to field dispatches. The airfields are Otomae, and the West and South airdromes.

With heavy fighting still raging, Nippon forces up to Mar. 12 set ablaze or knocked out of commission 76 enemy tanks and armoured cars, and 67 motor lorries, and destroyed 13 artillery pieces, besides accounting for more than 200 enemy casualties.

The general Nippon offensive has cut the retreat of enemy forces who are now depending upon airborne supplies. Nippon air units, co-operating with ground forces, on Wednesday night attacked the enemy airfield in the Meiktila sector, causing fires at several places. All the attacking bombers returned to their base unscathed.

The enemy apparently had planned to break the stalemate on the Irrawaddy front by throwing in powerful forces in the Meiktila sector. Nippon forces however, forestalled enemy strategy by encircling the enemy contingent in this sector, while nailing down other enemy forces on the Irrawaddy front.

In sanguinary battles which are raging in various points in the Irrawaddy sector, the enemy has already sustained heavy casualties exceeding 17,000 killed or wounded between Dec. 1, last year, when Imperial forces commenced operations in that sector, up to Mar. 11, this year. Our forces during the period knocked out or set ablaze 167 enemy tanks, shot down 32 aircraft, set ablaze 278 motor lorries, and smashed or set ablaze 21 armoured cars. Moreover our forces captured destroyed 127

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Great Soviet Losses In Winter Campaign

Berlin, March 14 (Domei)—Despite unfavourable weather conditions the German air force destroyed during the two months of the winter battle on the Eastern Front 1,595 tanks, 996 guns, and more than 11,400 vehicles mostly motorized. In addition 571 tanks, 354 guns, and more than 3,000 vehicles were heavily damaged.

The Soviet lost 1,029 planes in air duels, on the ground or by German anti-aircraft action.

Indians Resolved To Wage War Till Victory Is Won

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AzadHindGovt.Foreign Minister's Message To Shigemitsu

Tokyo, Mar. 14 (Domei)—H.E. Anil Chandra Chatterji, newly-appointed Foreign Minister to the Provisional Government of Azad Hind in a message, dispatched on his assumption of his post to Mamoru Shigemitsu, Nippon Foreign Minister today, voiced the determination of Indians in East Asia to fight out the common war with Nippon to a successful end.

Expressing heartfelt gratitude for the friendship and aid of Foreign Minister Shigemitsu in the past, Mr. Chatterji said the indomitable determination of the Nippon people as well as the spirit of the Nippon fighting services will write a brilliant page in the annals of history.

He said the Nippon forces' determination and fighting spirit has deeply impressed the people of East Asiatic nations who firmly believe in justice, freedom and reciprocity which constitute the basis of amity among Asiatics.

In conclusion he expressed the resolve on behalf of his government and people to fight the current war for complete independence and victory hand-in-hand with Nippon.

India and the United States in post-war years. Obviously, America is granting this trivial concession to India so as to push in her Dollar Imperialism into India and bring India more and more under her economic control.

INDIA WON'T WORK OUT ANY CONSTITUTION UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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India's Increasing Political Unrest Unnerves British

Latest reports received from India indicate that the Ministerial crises in the North West Frontier and the Sind Provinces continue to worsen, despite the frantic efforts of the British Governors of the Provinces. Since the downfall of the Hidayatullah Ministry in Sind and the Aurangazeb Ministry in the Frontier Provinces, the Provincial Governors have been desperately contacting other leaders with a view to forming new Ministries but all their efforts so far are reported to have proved futile.

The growing anti-British sentiment in India was frankly admitted in the Central Assembly yesterday by Mr. Trivedy, the so-called War Secretary. Speaking about recruitment, Mr. Trivedy said that it has become increasingly difficult for the authorities to get suitable young men for the Air Force and other fighting units.

Meanwhile, the rank hypocrisy underlying the Indian Immigration Quota Bill permitting no more than 75 Indians to emigrate to the United States every year, is revealed in an editorial article in the New York Herald-Tribune yesterday. The New York Herald-Tribune says this measure would help to facilitate business and trade relations and interchange of mutual understanding between

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"Scotsman" Issues Severe Warning Against Big Unrest In India

Increasing consternation is prevailing in Britain today as a result of the stunning defeats inflicted on the British authorities in India by the Central Indian Assembly during its current session as well as the collapse of the British-sponsored Ministries in the various Indian Provinces.

According to a despatch from Edinburgh, the British newspaper the "Scotsman" in an editorial today warns the British against the growing unrest and revolution in India, and admits that India today is in no mood to plan or work out any constitution under the supervision of Britain. The only solution for the present deadlock in India, the paper says, is for the Congress to go back to office but the paper adds, Mahatma Gandhi has set his face against such a return to what is called "Practical politics."

The fear and panic existing in British circles at present over the continued political deadlock in India, are also revealed in a letter published in the "London Times" today by Prof. A. V. Hill, a Member of the British Parliament. Supporting the notorious and reactionary schemes of constitutional reforms as suggested by Sir Zafrullah Khan under the inspiration of his British masters, Prof. Hill pleads for an early solution of the present political deadlock in India.

Prof. Hill admits that there still exist in India dire poverty, wide spread sickness and mass illiteracy, to remove which the present British Government in India is utterly helpless, because it has little popular support. Concluding, Prof. Hill advocates the granting of some sort of dominionship to India.

In the opinion of well-informed political observers, the views of Prof. Hill and other reactionary British politicians and the British press, will find little support in India.

NIPPON CIVILIANS AT HOME FORM SPECIAL ATTACK CORPS

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Tokyo, March 15 (Domei)—A nation-wide movement is now under way for the organization in each district of a "Civilian Special Attack Corps" for the defence of the Nippon homeland against a possible enemy invasion.

Concrete preparations for the organization of these corps are already under way in the Kanto, Tohoku, Hokuriku, Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu districts. In the Kanto district about 50 leaders of local organizations in Tokyo Metropolis and six prefectures will meet at Mito, Ibaragi Prefecture, on March 20 to launch plans for the organization of the Kanto District Civilian Special Attack Corps. Ibaragi Prefecture on March 7 completed preparations for organizing its entire population into its "Civilian Special Attack Corps".

Meanwhile, about 70 delegates from young men's organizations of the Chugoku district met at Eireiso—historical landmark of the Meiji Restoration—in Bofu City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, with the object of forming the Chugoku District Young Men's League for the protection of the national structure.

In the Hokuriku district scores of leaders of the Yokusan Young Men's Corps, Commercial Patriotic Service Association and other similar organizations will meet at Toyama City on March 20 to organize a civilian corps for the defence of the Hokuriku district. Similar movements are under way in the Tohoku, Shikoku and Kyushu districts with the Yokusan Young Men's Corps acting as the moving force.

42,000 Casualties In Fr. Army In 7 Months

Lisbon, March 14 (Domei)—General Jean Delatre de Tassigny, Commander of the French First Army today revealed that in the past seven months of operations with the anti-Axis forces, the French Army has lost about 10,000 killed and 32,000 wounded, according to a Paris dispatch.

Although the figures indicate that 17 per cent. of the First Army has been lost, the French General paradoxically was quoted as saying that the losses were "very light."

Donations Invited To Free Burial Service Corps

Syonan, March 15 (Domei)—Public donations to the Syonan Free Burial Service Corps or Black Cross Association, recently formed by a band of generous and public-spirited Chinese merchants in this city to give free burials to air-raid victims irrespective of nationality, are invited from the rich in Syonan and other parts of Malai. These donations can be sent either to the Association's headquarters at 18, Pickering Street, or to Mr. Chua Ho Ann, patron of the B.C.A. at 11, Cross Street, Syonan.

With the object of alleviating the distress of air-raid victims, the B.C.A. was formed early in January this year through the voluntary services and donations made by Messrs. Chua Ho Ann and Lim Soo Sian who were appointed patrons of the Association. Other active members include Mr. Cheah Kim Bee (adviser) and Mr. Seow Teong Wah (secretary).

During the two indiscriminate air-raids on this city in January and February by the enemy, loss to civilian lives saw members of the B.C.A. actively engaged in giving free burials to scores of people of different nationalities whose families, many of whom were rendered homeless and penniless, were thus eased of the burden of funeral expenses.

"In this connection, we would like to place on record our deep appreciation to the Kosei-ka Cho, Mr. Shinozaki, and all members of the Auxiliary Police who have at all times worked in the fullest co-operation with our organization," said the adviser, Mr. Cheah Kim Bee, in an interview.

Stalin Takes Free Hand In European Affairs

Lisbon, March 14 (Domei)—Apparently without any consultation with the Anglo-American powers, Soviet Premier Marshal Josef Stalin has taken the initiative to award Northern Transylvania to the new Pro-Soviet Rumanian Government, headed by Premier Petru Groza, according to information received here today.

The disclosure of the Soviet move was made in a Tass dispatch from Bucharest which reported a lengthy speech made by Groza to a group of high army officers assembled in the Rumanian capital.

Groza was reported to have warmly thanked "great Marshal Stalin" for swiftly returning Northern Transylvania to Rumania in response to the latter's request for the recovery of Rumania's "lost domain."

Anthony Eden Evokes Soviet Displeasure

Lisbon, Mar. 14 (Domei)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today defended in the House of Commons the extension of sanctuary to General Nicolae Radescu, former Rumanian Premier by the British political representative in Bucharest—a move which has evoked the displeasure not only of the Soviet political factions in Rumania, according to a London dispatch.

Although the Soviet Union brought about the downfall of the Radescu Government by an all-out propaganda campaign charging the former Rumanian Premier with aiding and abetting Fascist elements in Rumania, Eden declared that there was no evidence to show that Radescu personally was involved in anti-Axis activities.

Eden said the Soviet Government only had informed Britain that a change of government in Rumania had become necessary, and inferred that since no official Soviet charge was communicated to Britain concerning Radescu personally, the British Government was justified in granting a haven to the former Rumanian Premier.

Churchill, Party Dubbed As Liars In Commons

Lisbon, March 14 (Domei)—A minor parliamentary squabble arose in the House of Commons last night during the debate on the Army estimates when British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and other members intervened in a wordy controversy arising from the blunt charge made by Stokes, Labourite, that the British Prime Minister and the Minister of Production were guilty of lying to the House of Commons, according to a London dispatch.

Stokes touched off the controversy when he declared: "Our soldiers said our tanks are not adequate for the job. Thousands of lives have been lost and tens of thousands of young men have been wounded. I do not blame the War Secretary. The Ministers responsible are the Prime Minister and Minister of Production, and the people who have suffered should know that they have repeatedly come to this House and lied."

Stokes' utterance evoked a parliamentary bedlam, which compelled the Speaker to appeal to Stokes to withdraw his statement. "It does not do any good to go about calling each other liars," the Speaker reprimanded.

Stokes admitted that he was guilty of unparliamentary language and substituted the phrase "terminological inexactitude," stressing however, that this in no way departed from the substance of what he said. The Speaker said that the term "terminological inexactitude" in that context was equivocal and asked Stokes to withdraw the words. This was greeted with the cries of "No!"

Churchill intervened when Stokes said that the term "terminological inexactitude" was used by Churchill many years ago. The British Prime Minister claimed, however, that his use of the word was not a substitute for "lie."

Aneuran Bevan, Labourite, then remarked that Stokes had withdrawn his statement, to which Churchill said, "He has not." Churchill then appealed to the Chair for further protection.

After much shouting and jeering, the incident was terminated when Stokes conceded unequivocally to withdraw the word "lie."

New Soviet Push In East Prussia Totally Checked

Berlin, March 14 (Domei)—A German military spokesman, commenting on the present situation on the Rhine battle front, today declared that the chief focal point of the fighting is now at the Remagen bridgehead, where a ding-dong battle is underway, with the rest of the fighting along the Rhine being characterized by probing reconnaissance activities by both sides.

During the past 24 hours, the Americans, the Spokesman said, have succeeded only slightly in expanding their bridgehead in breadth and depth, while the Luftwaffe repeatedly has been damaging the Remagen railway bridgehead and the pontoon bridges which the Americans have pushed across the Rhine.

The military spokesman emphatically denied anti-Axis claims that the fortress of Kuestrin has been taken. Although the Soviets are in possession of Kuestrin Neustadt, the fortress itself and the bridgehead on the eastern bank of the Oder are firmly in German hands, he said.

In East Prussia, the new Soviet drive has been checked, the spokesman declared. He said only at Brandenburg have the Soviets temporarily been able to disrupt communications with Koenigsberg.

Meantime, the German High Command said that German forces on the lower Moselle yesterday continued their bitter fight against the attacking American Third Army, while "the enemy on the Ruhr River resumed his attacks with stronger forces."

Anti-Axis thrusts at Saarlautern and in the lower Vosges failed, the communique stated.

Foe Suffers Big Losses In Bloody Iwoojima Battle

A Nippon Base in the Central Pacific, Mar. 15 (Domei)—One of the bloodiest battles raged throughout the day on Iwoojima, Tuesday Mar. 13, with the enemy still concentrating his attack against the main Nippon positions in the Kita sector. While shelling and bombing continued incessantly, supported by flame-throwers, the Americans are now using airborne torpedoes in their operations.

Stemming heavy pressure of numerically superior enemy forces, Nippon garrison defenders are still firmly holding to their positions. No major developments have taken place since Monday evening, Mar. 12, up to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 13.

On the other hand death-defying Nippon shock troops are frequently storming American positions, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. In constant fear of our infiltration assaults, the enemy is keeping strict vigilance against Nippon counter-thrusts.

On the morning of Mar. 13 the Yanks staged a frontal attack against Nippon positions in the Kita sector from the south, attempting to inch forward from a point within 100 metres of our frontlines, their flamethrowers spitting fire over this terrain in all directions. Results scored by our garrisons in the vicinity of the Kita sector on Mar. 12 which have been confirmed totalled 200 enemy troops killed or wounded and one aircraft shot down. On the same day in the Kita sector alone the Americans sustained the severe loss of 850 killed or wounded.

Meanwhile, in the Tenzan sector enemy forces supported by three flamethrowing tanks tried to storm our positions and at present one of the fiercest battles, has developed here.

Serious Rise In Crime Throughout England

Lisbon, March 15 (Domei)—Abnormal wartime conditions have led to a serious rise in crime incidence throughout England, with the crime rate doubling in many of the larger cities within the past few years, according to the "London Daily Telegraph."

The journal, quoting the latest police survey, said that in one provincial district, the number of crimes has quadrupled since 1936.

The police report said that one of the reasons for the increase in crime has been due to the mobilization of police personnel and the inability to find men as replacements.

SYONAN TOKUBETU SI NOTICE No. 18.

Re: Recruitment of Apprentice Midwives

Apprentice Midwives are being recruited as follows:—(1) Number to be recruited: 15 (2) Eligibility: Girls between the ages of 16 and 22 who have completed ordinary school education. (3) Subjects of Examination: Test of character and physical examination. (4) Date and Place of Examination: March 26th from 10 a.m. at the Chu-oh Byoin. (5) Application: Up to March 22nd at the Chu-oh Byoin. (6) Other Information: (a) Period of Apprenticeship: From 1st April to 31st March next year (b) Place of Training: Chu-oh Byoin. (c) No salary will be paid, but board and lodging will be provided. Working clothes will be provided in kind, and tuition is free. (d) On completion of the course Certificates for Midwifery will be awarded.

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Bitter War For Mandalay; Nippon Resistance Stiffens

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heavy machineguns, 25 trench-mortars, 194 automatic rifles, 163 landing barges, and a large amount of ammunition and other war materials.

The entire city of Mandalay, meanwhile, is the scene of furious fighting since enemy troops on Mar. 8 infiltrated through gaps in our lines and penetrated into the city.

Since Mar. 5 the main strength of the enemy 19th Division has been pushing southward from the Singu bridgehead, and on Mar. 8 the spearhead of 200 enemy troops, supported by five tanks, infiltrated through gaps in Nippon lines toward Mandalay. Reinforcing forces in this sector, an enemy force of 700 troops with 30 tanks, on Mar. 9 advanced on the western side of the Mandalay Road as well as the northern side of the city itself, while part of enemy forces attacked Nippon defence lines in the Mandalay hills, only to be intercepted and routed by Imperial defenders, after sustaining heavy losses.

On Mar. 10 an enemy spearhead penetrated into the northern section of the city, and at present bitter street fighting is in progress between Nippon garrison forces and the enemy. With Nippon forces in the surrounding areas dealing punishing blows to the enemy, Imperial units within Mandalay firmly hold the Royal Palace as well as the southern side of the Mandalay hills.

Pahang Ag: Governor Pays Courtesy Call To I.I.L.

For the first time since the establishment of the Indian Independence League Branch, Pahang, His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr. Maeda, on assumption of his duty, paid a courtesy call to the Head Office of the League at Bentong on Friday last.

His Excellency the Acting Governor was presented with a guard-of-honour composed of the Officers of the League and the Balak Sena Unit.

His Excellency addressed the officers and said that he expected the League to strengthen its activities by mobilising the manpower in the cause of India's freedom as well as for the defence of Malai, their country of adoption.

The Acting Governor and other Nippon officials were then entertained to tea by the Chairman of the State Branch.

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